

WHITEHORSE FILM SOCIETY Inc FILMS FOR 2021

Feb 6th THE GOOD LIAR; UK/Germ/USA, 2019, 109 mins, MA

Dir: Bill Condon. Stars: Helen Mirren, Ian McKellen, Russell Tovey

Consummate con man Roy Courtney has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish, worth millions. But this time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes. Drama

Feb 20th HONEYLAND; TURK, 2019, 89 mins, M

Dir: Tamara Kotevska, Ljubomir Stefanov. Stars: Hatidze Muratova, Nazife Muratova

The last female bee hunter in Europe must save the bees and return the natural balance in Honeyland, when a family of nomadic beekeepers invade her land and threaten her livelihood. This observational documentary, filmed in Macedonia, will impact your thoughts on natural resources and the human condition. Doco

Mar 6th FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS; UK, 2019, 112mins, M

Dir: Chris Foggin. Stars: James Purefoy, Meadow Nobrega.

Ten fishermen from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of sea shanties. Com/Dra/Mus

Mar 20th SEE YOU UP THERE; Fra/Can, 2017, 112 mins M

Dir: Albert Dupontel. Stars: Nahuel Pérez Biscayart, Albert Dupontel.

November 1919. Two soldiers - a disfigured but brilliant artist and an ex-accountant - start a memorial con. But in the France of the Roaring Twenties, their adventures soon turn dangerous. Com/Cri/Dra

Apr 10th THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS; UK, 2018, 96 mins, PG

Dir: Tim Wardle. Stars: Robert Shafraan, Michael Domnitz.

In 1980 New York, three young men who were all adopted, meet each other and find out they're triplets who were separated at birth. But their quest to find out why turns into a bizarre and sinister mystery. Doco.

Apr 17th THE OTHER SON; France, 2012, 105 mins, M

Dir: Lorraine Lévy. Stars: Emmanuelle Devos, Pascal Elbé.

As he is preparing to join the Israeli army for his national service, Joseph discovers he is not his parents' biological son, and that he was inadvertently switched at birth with Yassin, the son of a Palestinian family from the West Bank. THE OTHER SON is the moving and provocative story of a revelation that turns the lives of these two families upside-down, forcing them to reassess their respective identities, their values and their beliefs. Drama.

May 1st THE WIFE; Swed/UK/USA, 2017, 99 mins, M

Dir: Björn Runge. Stars: Glenn Close, Jonathan Pryce.

Joan Castleman (Glenn Close) is the perfect devoted wife. Forty years spent sacrificing her own talent, dreams and ambitions to fan the flames of her charismatic husband Joe (Jonathan Pryce) and his brilliant literary career, ignoring his infidelities and excuses with grace and humour. Their faithful pact has built a marriage upon uneven compromises and on the eve of Joe being awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, Joan reaches her breaking point, to confront the biggest sacrifice of her life. Drama.

May 15th PARASITE; S Korea, 2019, 132 mins, MA

Dir: Bong Joon Ho. Stars: Kang-ho Song, Sun-kyun Lee.

Greed and class discrimination threaten the newly formed symbiotic relationship between the wealthy Park family and the destitute Kim clan. Com/Dra/Thr

Jun 5th EMU RUNNER; Australia, 2018, 95 mins, PG

Dir: Imogen Thomas. Stars: Rhae-Kye Waites, Wayne Blair.

A spirited 8-year-old girl deals with the grief of her mother's death by forging a bond with a wild emu. This spiritual dreaming is a bond she will do anything to keep, but one that puts her at odds with the new social worker. Dra/Fam

Jun 19th CAPERNAUM; Leb/Fr/USA+, 2018, 121 mins, M

Dir: Nadine Labaki. Stars: Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw.

After being jailed for committing a violent crime, Zain, a mistreated 12-year-old boy, sues his parents for giving him life. Zain's large family live hand to mouth in a squalid apartment in Lebanon. The kids work instead of going to school. When Zain's 11-year-old sister is sold into marriage, he flees the family home in search of a better life. He is taken in and lovingly cared for by an illegal Ethiopian worker, Rahil, who lives in a shanty house with her baby. But when Rahil disappears, Zain is suddenly left to fend for himself and her baby, resorting to increasingly desperate measures to survive. Drama.

Jul 3rd THE DARK HORSE; NZ, 2014, 120 mins, M

Dir: James Napier Robertson. Stars: Cliff Curtis, James Rolleston.

A brilliant but troubled New Zealand chess champion finds purpose by teaching underprivileged children about the rules of chess and life. Drama.

Jul 17th TOP END WEDDING; Australia, 2019, 98 mins, M

Dir: Wayne Blair. Stars: Gwilym Lee, Miranda Tapsell.

Lauren and Ned are engaged, they are in love, and they have just ten days to find Lauren's mother who has gone AWOL somewhere in the remote far north of Australia, reunite her parents and pull off their dream wedding. Comedy/Romance.

Aug 7th SHOPLIFTERS; Japan, 2018, 116 mins, M

Dir: Hirokazu Koreeda. Stars: Lily Franky, Sakura Andô.

After one of their shoplifting sessions, Osamu and his son come across a little girl in the freezing cold. At first reluctant to shelter the girl, Osamu's wife agrees to take care of her after learning of the hardships she faces. Although the family is poor, barely making enough money to survive through petty crime, they seem to live happily together until an unforeseen incident reveals hidden secrets, testing the bonds that unite them. Crime/Drama.

Aug 21st YESTERDAY; UK/Russ/Ch, 2019, 116 mins, M

Dir: Danny Boyle. Stars: Himesh Patel, Lily James.

Jack Malik was just another struggling songwriter...but that was yesterday. After a mysterious blackout, Jack (Himesh Patel) discovers he is the only person on earth who remembers The Beatles! As he rockets to fame by passing off the Fab Four's songs as his own, Jack risks losing Ellie (Lily James) - the one person who has loved him and believed in him from the start. Before the door to his old life closes forever, Jack must decide if all he needs is love, after all. Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran also star in this romantic rock 'n' roll comedy from Academy Award-winning director Danny Boyle. Comedy/Family/Music.

Sep 4th TRASH; UK/Braz/Ger, 2014, 114 mins, M

Dir: Stephen Daldry. Stars: Rickson Tevez, Gabriel Weinstein.

Set in Brazil, three kids who make a discovery in a garbage dump soon find themselves running from the cops and trying to right a terrible wrong. Adventure/Crime/Drama.

Sep 18th ROCKETMAN; UK/USA/Can, 2019, 121 mins, M

Dir: Dexter Fletcher. Stars: Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell.

An epic musical movie about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story -- set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by star Taron Egerton -- tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. Bio/Drama/Music.

Oct 2nd THE GUILTY; (Den Skyldige), Den, 2018, 85 mins, M

Dir: Gustav Möller. Stars: Jakob Cedergren, Jessica Dinnage.

Alarm dispatcher and former police officer, Asger Holm, answers an emergency call from a kidnapped woman. When the call is suddenly disconnected, the search for the woman and her kidnapper begins. With the phone as his only tool, Asger enters a race against time to save the endangered woman. But soon he realises that he is dealing with a crime that is far bigger than he first thought. Crime/Drama.

Oct 16th LEAVE NO TRACE; USA/Can, 2018, 104 mins, G

Dir: Debra Granik. Stars: Thomasin McKenzie, Ben Foster.

A father and his thirteen-year-old daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Portland, Oregon when a small mistake derails their lives forever. Drama

Nov 6th THE INSULT; Fra/Lebanon +, 2017, 108 mins, M

Dir: Ziad Doueiri. Stars: Adel Karam, Kamel El Basha.

An emotional exchange between a Lebanese Christian and a Palestinian refugee escalates dramatically. As passions boil over, each man digs in and what should have been a trivial incident easily shrugged off escalates quickly into a dispute that reverberates through their families and communities. Eventually lawyers are called in and the men find themselves in the centre of a highly publicised trial, one that reopens historical and personal wounds on both sides. Crime/Thr.

Nov 20th LADIES IN BLACK; Australia, 2018, 105 mins, PG

Dir: Bruce Beresford. Stars: Julia Ormond, Angourie Rice.

Adapted from the bestselling novel by Madeleine St John, Ladies in Black is an alluring and tender-hearted comedy drama about the lives of a group of department store employees in 1959 Sydney. Comedy/Drama.

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